

year he had on this one acre and a half one or two bushels; the second, twelve bushels, and the last year, which was the third, seventy-three bushels.

were sold at \$4 per bushel. If the yard cost him \$300, in the third year subsequently to its being made, he not only realized the sum of money he first expended upon it—and the next year," he says in a letter to me, "I look for a large crop."

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### REMARKABLE SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

**REMOVAL OF A TUMOR.**—About two weeks since I had a consultation with Mr. David M. Ryan, a youth of the city, who tells me, son of Mr. Abner Ryan, of lower Mount Sebel township, of this county, who informed us that he had been residing in the north-western part of Wisconsin, but that in consequence of a large and unsightly tumor, occupying the left side of his chest, which was rapidly increasing in size, and which had been increasing to such an alarming extent particularly during the past two years, as to induce him to remove east and put himself under the care of Dr. C. C. Field of this place, for the purpose of having it removed. Dr. Field submitted the case to Dr. Charles Lutes, who on consultation with our colleagues, Dr. J. W. Innes, who on the expiration of the tumor would afford chance of his recovery. On Thursday, the 29th ult., the patient, having his system previously prepared, underwent the operation at the residence of Dr. Paul W. Fox, of this city. The tumor was removed by Dr. Fox, present, and shall endeavor to give a faint outline of it. Dr. Field and Innes performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Van Dyke, and Mr. Thomas Hagen, a medical student, in the following manner:

The patient was first put under the influence of chloroform, and then placed on his back, and the tumor was to be removed by the upper part of the left arm to the upper part of the chest, immediately over the tumor, the whole length of the neck and measuring ten inches in length. The skin, fascia, muscles, &c., were cut

was removed from each side of the neck, and there being secured by the assistants. The operation being completed downward and outward, the tumor was found to be firmly attached to the thyroid gland, the superior portion of which was removed by the doctor, dividing the vessels of which it was necessary to divide to liberate the position of it; the object being to get it at its base. Having loosened the tumor at its own portion, the operation was cautiously continued inward, toward the windpipe, as we called from the lower portion. At this point the tumor was reported to be firmly attached to the windpipe, and from the tumor for several inches in extent, the hemorrhage was so profuse, the blood poured from in every direction, from large and important vessels, which required all firmness and knowledge to arrest them.

This being accomplished, the lower portion of the tumor was reached, when it was discovered that the great artery of the neck (carotid) passed through it in a deep depression. The tumor was then carefully dissected from this great vessel nearly the whole length of the neck, but the operation was not yet completed, as the tumor was found to be firmly attached to the windpipe, and was firmly attached to the pharynx and esophagus (the action of those parts being distinctly seen during every effort to swallow), this position of it was with much patience and skill also removed, not however until several vessels were torn, and the tumor was found to be firmly attached to the pharynx and esophagus of every particle of the tumor, not leaving a portion of it in any nook or corner. The cavity from which it had been taken was much larger than had been anticipated, occupying the whole side of the neck, exhibiting plenty and firm all the great vessels of the neck, and the tumor was much larger than most tumors of man. This was a formidable and bloody operation, which any man would be terrified from the fact that it is less than 25 arteries were torn.

Two weeks having just elapsed since the operation, and having seen Mr. Mann a few hours since, we found him in a very comfortable condition, and the skillful surgeon who undoubtedly saved his life, and relieved him from his misery. Any person who is curious enough to desire seeing the man, who has nearly lost his neck, take of his case is still living, and may be seen at the residence of Dr. J. R. Felt, 214 West

which was removed from the neck of the patient as seen there. [Eaton (Pa.) Argus, Dec. 11.]

**AMPUTATING A MAN'S LEG AT THE HIP-JOINT.**—Last Saturday we witnessed a very extraordinary surgical operation in the person of a young man, who was a student of the Ohio Medical College. The technical name of the operation, if it has any, we do not know; but it was no less than amputating a man's leg at the hip-joint. This operation is very rarely performed; and we are informed by those more familiar with surgical statistics that there has not been the first instance in Ohio. Of course the patient's extreme case made it that it would be undertaken, although only as a *desperado* resort. It would be difficult for anyone who knew little or nothing of the sciences of anatomy and surgery, to estimate the responsibility felt by the surgeon who undertakes to perform such an operation to a patient. It is one of the most extraordinary and dangerous operations that a man can have. The surgeon could ascertain that it would be necessary to do so, and then the possibility of saving the patient's life, and the possibility of saving him from his view, and might make the removal of the entire limb unnecessary to insure the patient's recovery, greatly increasing the responsibility assumed. Two operations performed by Dr. Blackman on the person of a young man. The thigh-bone was affected with cancer, which was rapidly advancing, and the patient was in great pain. His life was saved by this operation. The patient was under the influence of chloroform, and exhibited very little evidence of pain during the entire

body in *twenty seconds*. An examination of the patient verified the diagnosis made by the surgeon. Several of the most distinguished surgeons of our country and State were present. Those who are more concerned than ourselves to judge, occurring in saving the operation was skillfully executed. We heard yesterday that the patient was doing well, with the hope of recovery. We cannot close this notice without expressing our gratification that our city is favored by having its corps of eminent surgeons killed by a Germanman possessing such distinguished skill as Dr. Blackman. (Cincinnati Commercial)

**THE DEAD MAN'S TRAIN.**

**SPIRITS RUNNING THE LOCOMOTIVE.**

*The Old Colony Memorial*, published at Plymouth, states an incident which is sufficiently significant to place the most ardent believers in "high school" verities. It states, as our readers may remember from their mouths, that during the last Summer months between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, there was regularly and distinctly heard upon the railroad the whistle of an approaching train. As it was well known that no train passed over the road at such a time in the morning, four gentlemen of the Samoil House determined to investigate the mystery. Accordingly, unknown to any one, they arrived about two o'clock station-bound, and awaited the train, about a mile from town, and twined themselves

of the supernatural Visitor. "For the first time, long, never felt in vain, for immediately the whistle blew, and forth the sound of a railway whistle, and presently 'the distant clatter of wheels' was heard—louder, nearer, nearer still it came—the 'click of the rail in their chains: the rush of steam' was plain in their ears as if the lantern glowed before them—the shriek of a demon whistle on their hand made them leap to their feet. The whistle came down the grade—the hot breath of steam jetting stood in their very faces as it passed—the as unearthly scream ceased, they heard the brakemen screwing up their brak s, the train of tell them a scene of meeting came as if the invisible specter master of the road had reached his journey's end."

About a month since, says *The Memorial*, on the other side, where a spirit circle in Boston, which was an entire stranger to all present, save one to whom he had never revealed the Summer incident, was the engineer of the special train held spiritically in place with the astonished company. "The spirit circle was suddenly brought to a halt by the communication of a spirit message, that he must go."

"Where, and for what?" some one asked. "To run the train," was the prompt answer. The speaker looked each upon the other, and "What train?" was the universal exclamation. "The Old Colony," was the reply. "Do you mean for us to run the train at the hour of the night, and in the rain, and at the rate of seventy miles an hour?" There was a long pause. "No," said he deliberately, as if making no common reason for the aim of the medium moved at last, and the

**THE MEMORIAL VOUCHER.**—There was a train that passed that road. At stated intervals, a train, unladen of freight, takes the spirits of pious dead to the spiritual home they consecrated by their lives. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, who is with you, will say whether he has ever known of such a train. It is not for mortals to know more.

**THE MEMORIAL VOUCHER** for the truth of this wonderful narrative. It is a little singular, we will admit, that spirits who can enter roads with their feet, and who are ever present at the call of mortals, should require a train of cars to transport them to Plymouth.

**BREXVIT IN EXHORTING.**—A die-inhabited steppe told to a young member of his flock:

"Brother—, we are always pleased to know you speak in the prayer meetings. I hope you will continue to do so; and I want to advise you, in the brief time you have, to advise the brethren that you are *few brief* they will tell you of it."

This was spoken in love, and had the desired effect. (Chas. M. M.)